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4. REPORT OF INCIDENT On 16 February 1953, Rudolf Richter, official of the Austrian State Police in Salzburg, Land Salzburg, Austria, reported to these agents that he had information from the Austrian Ministry of Interior concerning a new political organization in Vienna, Austria. Richter stated that following the ban of the Communist-front organization, Austrian Initiative Committee for a Peaceful Solution of the German Problem (Oesterreichische Initiativkomitee für eine Friedliche Lösung der Deutschlandfrage), in the fall of 1952 by the Austrian Ministry of Interior, this organization was reorganized under the name, Nonpartisan Austrian Committee for a Peaceful Solution of European Problems (Oberparteiliches Oesterreichische Komitee für eine Friedliche Lösung der Europäischen Streitfragen). The purpose of the organization is to find a peaceful solution of all European problems. On 4 December 1952, a charter meeting was held at the headquarters of the organization, Gobbertgasse 6, Vienna XII, and the following officers were elected: Chairman: <i>(Dr.) Robert Seitzbauer</i> , residing at Kirchstettner-Gasse 50, Vienna XVI, Austria is a member of the Austrian Communist Party (Kommunistische Partei Österreichs - KPÖ). Deputy Chairman: <i>Wilhelm Steiner</i> , born 1 March 1896 in Vienna, residing at Fischbachsdorf, Fischbachstrasse 1, Vienna XV, Austria, is president of the Austrian Federal Association of former Concentration Camp inmates and political persecuted (Oesterreichischer Bündnisverband ehemaliger KZ- und Politisch Verfolgter), a Communist-front organization. Secretary: <i>Rudolf Richter</i> , born 25 December 1899 in Vienna, residing at Gobbertgasse 6, Vienna XII, Austria, is general secretary of the Democratic Union (Demokratische Union - DU), a Communist-affiliated organization. Treasurer: <i>(Dr.) Erwin Gabach</i> , born 25 December 1893, residing at Arnold von Wetschkastrasse 6, Ursula, Land Styria, Austria, former lawyer, currently unemployed, was a member of the Nazi Party, SS, and German Security Police during World War II. After the war, he was a member of the Austrian People's Party (Oesterreichische Volkspartei - ÖVP), and at the present time, is a member of the KPD and the Austrian People's Council, a Communist-front organization.				
5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT R.D.P. S. P. 3/4 R 3/7 2/4 6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT				

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Solution of European Problems
Possible Communist-Front Organization
Vienna, Austria

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Members of the
Board:

Dr. Bruno Frei, residing at Stubenring 14,
Vienna I, publisher of the Communist newspaper,
Freiheit.

Alfred Meissl, residing at Ursulagasse 5, Vienna II,
secretary of the Association of Christian Democrats,
Communist-front organization.

Rudolf Habsinger, residing at Beccariastrasse 12,
Vienna II, former Austrian general, and Communist
sympathizer.

Eduard Duplitzer, born 12 April 1907 in Istanbul,
Turkey, Austrian citizen, residing at Koenigsweg
4, Graz, Land Styria, Austria. During
World War II, Duplitzer was a member of the
German security police at the German Embassy in
Ankara, Turkey. He is a member of the SPÖ and
a close friend of Dr. Professor Josef Dobrovolsky,
federal-chairman of the People's Opposition (Volks-
opposition - VO), a left-wing coalition in Austria,
and Dr. Adolf Glavik, chairman of the National
League (National-Liga - NL), a Communist-affiliated
organization. Duplitzer runs an import-export
business in Graz.

(Dr.) Isaacs Kaufmann, born 24 December 1895 in
Vienna, residing at Margaretenweg 39,
Vienna IV, physician. After World War II,
Kaufmann was a member of the Austrian Socialist
Party (Sozialistische Partei Österreichs - SPÖ),
and is now a member of the Socialist Worker's Party
Sozialistische Arbeiterpartei - SAP), a Communist-
front organization, and chairman of the Austrian
Peace Council in Vienna IV.

Emil Ditter, residing at Machergasse 25, Graz.
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